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**Final Research Project: Topic/Question Proposal**

**Topic Selection**

* Should be a topic related to U.S. history or public policy (an issue about which the government makes law)
* Should be relevant to the period of American history on which we have focused in this course (roughly 1900-today)
* Should fit within a “big” question in American history (see the sheet from last Friday’s class for ideas on this)
* Should be a **topic that interests you**

Topic idea?

**Research Question**

What is a potential question you could ask about this topic that would guide your research? In other words, what question will you be answering about your topic?

* Should be a question you don’t already have a clear answer to
* Ideally, it should access some sort of debate that exists within your topic
* This works well if you can combine your specific topic with a big thematic question in history – again, see the sheet from last Friday’s class for examples

Research question ideas?

**What is this research going to turn into?**

The final product will be your choice, but will basically fall into one of two categories: a research paper or a research presentation. The paper would be a formal essay. The presentation would allow for a few different possibilities, but it would have to be in presentable form. More details on this to come, including a grading rubric. The rubric will be closely aligned to the WHS school-wide research standard that we discussed last week.

**Next step?**

Developing your research plan. What information will you have to find about your topic? What sources will you need to use?